GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR DR. AMBEDKAR FOUNDATION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for not spending the allocated funds completely by the foundation during the said period;

(c) whether Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has investing the funds for other works; and

(d) if so, the complete details of total funds invested sofar ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a) Major activities of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF), during last three years, include:

(i) Implementation of following Schemes;

a) Dr. Ambedkar Chairs setup in different Universities/Institutions.

b) Publication of the Collected Works of Babasaheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Hindi and other Indian languages.

c) Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards Scheme for meritorious students of Secondary Examination belonging to Scheduled Castes &Scheduled Tribes (10f Class).

d) Dr. Ambedkar National Merit Awards Scheme for meritorious students of Senior Secondary Examination belonging to Scheduled Castes (l2n Class).

e) Dr. Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme for SC people.

f) Dr. Ambedkar Samajik Samta Kendra Yojana.

g) National relief to the Scheduled Caste Victims of Atrocities scheme

(ii) Organization of following functions/ events:

a) Celebration of Birth Anniversary and observance of Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Dr. Ambedkar on 14th April and 6t!i December respectively every year.

b) Distribution of Dr. .Ambedkar National Merit Awards to class Xth & Xllth meritorious students.

c) Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Memorial Lecture.

(iii) Participation in Book Fairs.

(b) The activities as mentioned in reply to part (a) of the question, were fully funded out of the resources available with the DAF.

(c) &(d) DAF has not invested funds for other works. However, it has invested surplus funds amounting to Rs. 238.45 crores in Govt.of India Bonds and Fixed Deposits in Nationalized Banks and Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation Limited (ET&T). Details of investments made are as follows:

Details of investment as on 24/11/2011

S-.No. Investment in Amount (Rs.)

i) (ii) (iii)

1. ET&T 1,85,46,173

2 8% GOI Bonds of RBI 90,00,00,000

3. Fixed Deposit of 1,46,60,00,000
Nationalized Banks

Total 2,38,45,46,173